

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 through 106 (canceled)

1           Claim 107 (previously presented) A pVWEX1pyc vector  
2 contained in the bacterium deposited under DSM 12893.

1           Claim 108 (previously presented) A bacterium comprising  
2 the vector of claim 107.

Claims 109 through 121 (canceled)

1           Claim 122 (new) A method of microbially producing L-  
2 amino acids of aspartate and/or glutamate families, which comprises  
3 the step of:

4           culturing an amino acid producing microorganism strain in  
5 a medium suitable for the production of an L-amino acid, whereby  
6 said amino acid producing microorganism strain is transformed with  
7 the vector pVWEX1pyc encoding the polypeptide comprising the amino  
8 acid sequence having SEQ ID NO:2 with pyruvate carboxylase  
9 activity.

1           Claim 123 (new) The method of microbially producing L-  
2 amino acids as defined in claim 122 wherein the L-amino acid is  
3 selected from the group consisting of L-lysine, L-threonine, L-  
4 homoserine and L-glutamate.

1           Claim 124 (new) The method of microbially producing L-  
2   amino acids as defined in claim 122 wherein said amino acid  
3   producing microorganism strain is *Corynebacterium glutamicum*.